TECHNICAL—(RAILWAYS.)

(Nos. 164 to 174.)

SUBJECT No. 164.

Constitution of a Railway Board.

Messrs. N. S. Nanjundiah, H. Boranna and K. Mahadevappa, Hassan Taluk, and H. V. Rangaswami, Hassan Town Municipality.

Summary of Discussion.—It is desirable to constitute a Railway Board to decide questions relating to the extension of railways, facilities for transport, etc. As the railway has now expanded, the Board will do useful work.

Reply of Government.—The Committee which was already in existence was abolished as there was not enough of work.

One of the committees to be formed will be entrusted with this work, with the Member in charge as President. The question whether a separate committee is to be appointed will be considered later on.

SUBJECT No. 165.

(1) Laying down the railway policy of the Government, and (2) increasing the number of elected representatives of the Railway Board.

Mr. Karnick Krishnamurthi Rao, Magadi Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—(1) The Railway policy of the Government may be laid down.

(2) The number of elected representatives of the Railway Board may be increased.

Note.—Discussed with subject No. 164.

SUBJECT No. 166.

Extension of railways in the State.

Messrs C. Narasimhaiya, Heggaddevankote Taluk, and H. Krishnasastry, Krishnarajapete Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Railways must be extended in the State, if necessary, with the aid of foreign capital.

Reply of Government.—Mention has been made in the Dewan's Opening Speech regarding the policy.

SUBJECT No. 167.

Reduction of railway fares.

Mr. Lingegowda, Mysore Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—Railway fares are now considerably increased and great inconvenience is felt by poor people. The old fares may be revived.

Reply of Government.—We have got to follow the general rules prevailing in India.

SUBJECT No. 168.

Facilities for third class passengers.

Messrs. Amavasya Srikantappa, Bangalore District Board; H. V. Chendrasekharaiya, Bangalore City Municipality, and Bindu

Summary of Discussion.—(1) It is very inconvenient for people of middle class to travel in third class compartments which are generally overcrowded. Intermediate class was promised to be provided before. Arrangements may be made for the introduction of intermediate class in the mail train, at least, between Bangalore and Mysore similar to the one provided in the Bangalore-Poona section.

(2) Arrangements may be made to collect tickets at Seringapatam or Paschimavahini alone to prevent great rush at the Mysore Railway Station, and to sell tickets

at all hours in the Mysore Station during busy seasons to facilitate passengers to obtain tickets easily and catch whichever train possible.

Reply of Government.—(1) Arrangements will be made for providing intermediate class in the mail train.

(2) Enquiries will be made of other grievances.

Madhavachar, Kankanhalli Municipality; A. Narasimhiengar, Sagar Town Municipality; Anantharajappa, Anantha Lakshminaranappa, Veerappa Gowda, Tumkur Taluk, and Abdul Nabi Khan Sahib, Tumkur Municipality.

SUBJECT No. 169.

Grant of concession tickets to Representative Assembly Members.

Mr. A. Srikantappa, Bangalore District Board.

Summary of Discussion.—Representative Assembly Members may be given free passes for journeys to attend the Representative Assembly meetings.

Reply of Government.—The difference in cost will have to be considered in connection with the Reform Scheme.

SUBJECT No. 170.

Discontinuing the system of issuing platform tickets.

Messrs. A. Venkataramaiya and Patel Shankarappa, Tarikere Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—In Shimoga, Tarikere and other places platform tickets are introduced. These are not big stations and there will be no income practically, but the difficulties which the people are subjected to by the system are many. The system may therefore be discontinued.

Reply of Government.—The matter is under consideration.

SUBJECT No. 171.

Appointment of ladies or aged gentlemen as ticket collectors in the ladies' compartments.

Messrs. Syed Khaja Peeran Sab, Muslim Association, Tarikere, and N. Mylariah, Kadur Taluk.

Summary of Discussion.—In junction stations, ticket collectors will, in some cases, give unnecessary trouble to ladies who might have left their tickets with their men-folk who might be sitting in a separate carriage. Sometimes ladies are made to alight from the carriage for not being in possession of tickets. The system of allowing passengers of both sexes to pass through the same crowded passage is not convenient. There should be separate passages for women passengers and either aged gentlemen or ladies should be appointed as ticket collectors for lady passengers.

Reply of Government.—The system is the same in the whole of India. The suggestion for a separate gate, will be favourably considered.

SUBJECT No. 172.

Construction of separate third class waiting rooms for *gosha* ladies in all railway stations.

Mr. N. Nagappaiya, Hassan District Board.

Summary of Discussion.—A separate waiting room for ladies is necessary in all stations. As there will not be many ladies in first and second class waiting rooms, the same may be set apart for ladies of all classes.

Reply of Government.—The suggestions are noted. The matter has been referred to the Agent.

SUBJECT No. 173.

Construction of the Arsikere-Mangalore Railway line.

Mr. B. A. Devegowda, North Mysore Native Planters' Association, Chikmagalur.

Summary of Discussion.—If the State is connected with the West Coast by railway, it will be very convenient for trade, a State loan being raised, if necessary, to finance the scheme.

Reply of Government.—It is not possible for Government to meet the cost, nor the interest charges. The District Board has to take up the matter.